

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
JOHN C. STENNIS SPACE CENTER**

**RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION
TO SOLICIT FROM ONE SOURCE**

I recommend that NASA Stennis Space Center (SSC) negotiate with St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District #2 for services to implement control efforts for mosquitoes and other nuisance pests in the buffer zone of SSC, inclusive of pesticide spraying and monitoring within the buffer zone. It is anticipated that this requirement will be provided under a firm fixed price purchase order. The total estimated cost of this effort is \$20,000.00, and the estimated period of performance is one year (June 19, 2009 through June 18, 2010).

This recommendation is made pursuant to FAR 13.106-1(b), for the acquisition of supplies or services determined to be reasonably available from only one source. Competition is impractical for the following reasons:

(1) SSC requires mosquito control within the buffer zone. To assist with the cost of controlling mosquitoes, SSC has agreed to help defray the cost of control within the St. Tammany Parish portion of the buffer zone with St. Tammany Parish of Louisiana. St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District #2 has the ability to provide aerial and ground treatment in the marsh areas of the buffer zone in a cost-effective manner. St. Tammany Mosquito Abatement District #2 is a taxing district under St. Tammany Parish and its workers are parish workers, not contracted employees. They provide mosquito control for all of St. Tammany. As such, providing full and open competition for this requirement would place a local government entity in direct competition with industry.

(2) Procurement of this service is necessary to minimize the nuisance pests, such as mosquitoes, within the buffer zone to ensure the health and safety of personnel working at SSC.

The anticipated price to the Government will be thoroughly evaluated to ensure that it is fair and reasonable prior to award. In addition, I do hereby certify that the support data under my cognizance included in this justification are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

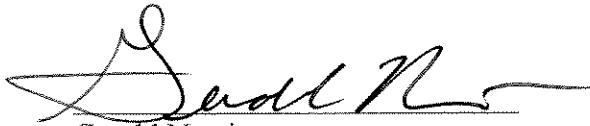

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Date

Pursuant to NFS 1805.207 and 1804.570, and FAR 5.201, a sole source synopsis was published on the NASA Acquisition Internet Service (NAIS) and the Government-wide point of entry (GPE) (FedBizOpps) expressing the Government's intent to issue a contract for this requirement.

APPROVE/DISAPPROVE:

I hereby accept the above stated recommendation and determine that the circumstances of the contract action deem only one source reasonably available and certify that the anticipated costs to the Government will be determined fair and reasonable prior to award.



Gerald Norris
Contracting Officer

6-11-09
Date